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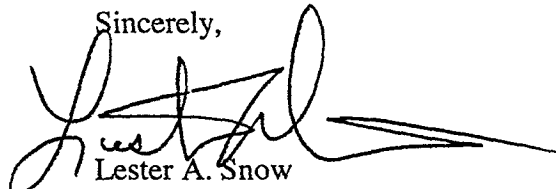
Dear Colonel Klasse:

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has recently been made aware of the Public Notice proposing to issue Letters of Permission (LOP) for certain activities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Two CALFED agencies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, have written letters which support the idea of coordinated permitting and streamlining the permit process but oppose the LOP process as it is presented.

CALFED staff have identified potential benefits of a coordinated permitting process for some of the CALFED Program actions, particularly within the area of ecosystem restoration. We would like the opportunity to discuss this Public Notice at the next CALFED Management Team meeting in December with the intent of consideration of incorporating the streamlined LOP process with our current effort to coordinate other permitting processes and work with the Corps to resolve concerns expressed by CALFED agencies regarding the currently proposed process.

Accordingly, we ask that you extend the comment period sufficiently to allow this effort to occur, and withhold decision making on the LOP process until after discussing this issue with the CALFED Management Team. If you have any questions please contact Wendy Halverson Martin at (916) 657-2666. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project.

Sincerely,



Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director

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CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service